GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2015
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2007
BENCHES OF HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT SAMBALPUR AND MAYURBHANJ
Satpathy Shri Tathagata

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has requested to set up benches of High Court at Sambalpur and Mayurbhanj in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a),(b)&(c): In 1991, the State Government of Orissa intimated that they had decided in principle, to set up Circuit Benches of the Orissa High Court at Berhampur and Sambalpur or Bolangir but the High Court of Orissa had not considered it expedient to do so. The State Government were advised to consider, if it so wished, to re-emphasize upon the High Court the desirability of establishing its Circuit Benches and to persuade the High Court to do so under Clause 10 of the Orissa High Court Order, 1948. However, no further reference has been received thereafter in this regard from the State Government or the High Court.
The question of opening a High Court Bench is considered by the Central Government only when a complete proposal is received from the State Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court.